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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 32.

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF YADKIN PRESBYTERY

The 33rd annual session of the Eastern District Sunday School Convention convened with John Hall Sunday school, Carthage, August 13-17th, and was called to order by Mrs. Gertrude Clark, of Marsh's Mission Sunday school, of Laurel Hill. Very choice music selections were rendered by the excellent choir of John Hall Sunday school, directed by Elder W. A. Blue. The retiring President being absent his vacancy was filled by the very efficient Superintendent of Blandonia Sunday school of Sanford, Mr. Geo. Roberts, who made a very excellent address on short notice. His address was packed full of inspiration and instruction along the line of each of us doing our bit at all times to display our talents in helping to bring the Sunday schools up to the program of today. Mr. Roberts is a splendid worker in his daily activities of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Durham, and is Superintendent of one of the largest and best managed Sunday schools in the Yadkin Presbytery.

The welcome addresses followed. First, on the part of the church and Sunday school, by Elder W. A. Blue, who welcomed us in a most friendly tone of speech that made us feel at home.

The next was the welcome on the part of the churches of the town by Rev. J. Siler, of the A. M. E. Zion church. In his discourse he made us welcome to all the pleasures of the city of Charlotte, and to every home irrespective of denominations, and especially to his own home where there was yet one or more beds unoccupied. This address was climaxed by Mrs. Siler, who had prepared a special paper for the occasion, which was a grand treat to the Convention and visiting friends.

Prof. A. C. Pinckney then climaxed the address of Mr. Blue, telling us that we were a congregation of Christian Sunday school workers that Carthage needed very badly and that he, therefore, was glad, yes, overjoyed, to welcome us to Carthage and that he wanted us to just take Carthage and take it by storm. Prof. Pinckney is the very efficient principal of the Moore County Training School.

The response to all these addresses was made by the Rev. J. E. McMillan, of Sanford, who was filling the vacancy of Supt. Wm. H. Byrd without any notice. Rev. McMillan took special care of the Convention and himself which is one of his characteristics. He began his address by saying that he was sure he could not say what Mr. Byrd would have said with winged words, but that he would gladly accept on behalf of the Convention all these warm words of welcome just tendered us, and we would try our best to expedite business in a way that would be pleasing to Carthage, the Convention and to all concerned.

Next was the collection called for by Mr. Wm. H. Byrd, Jr., and Miss Alice Kelly.

The report of the Committee on arrangements was received and adopted.

The Convention closed with prayer by Rev. W. J. Rankin.

On Friday A. M. the Convention opened with song service, followed with Bible study by Rev. Baker, of Jonesboro.

Next order was the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. P. W. Toney, Aberdeen, President; Vice-President, Supt. W. M. Malloy, Laurinburg; Recording Secretary, Miss Martha Kelly, St. John Sunday school; Assistant Recording and Finance Secretary, Mr. C. H. Morris, John Hall Sunday school.

Following the election of officers reports from schools were

heard. They were quite encouraging. Sixteen schools reported out of 26, 10 being Bible schools that do not enroll in the Convention.

The following members and friends of the Convention were accorded seats as corresponding members: Mrs. H. B. Marsh, Mrs. Nora Blue, Mrs. P. W. Toney, Mrs. Amy Foster, and Mrs. J. Siler. All these distinguished ladies were brought to the front and each one made an encouraging address.

At this period Dr. J. A. Savage, of Albion Academy, walked in on us, and we were so pleased to have him we would have suspended business to have him talk to us; but we had only to mention his name and the Convention was glad to accord him a seat as corresponding member and also his friend whose name we do not recall. Dr. Savage is ours and we always send him a program also a minute of the Convention. And if we had anything else to mail we would include Dr. Savage on our mailing list, for we feel safe to say that he has brought us unlimited encouragement from time to time.

We were also pleased to accord Father W. A. Scott, of Hope Mills, a seat as corresponding member. Rev. Scott is ours also. We think he is the oldest divine of the District Convention. Having served as President Auditor we regard him as being truly our own Father Scott.

The next order was the D. V. B. S. Demonstration by Faith Sunday school of Aberdeen, represented by Rev. P. W. Toney, Mrs. J. B. Lashley and Miss Theresa Byrd. These faithful workers spared no pains in trying to make the Demonstration helpful. Mrs. Lashley, who is an expert with the children, put on a new feature—something we have never had before by any of our schools which was the recreational feature inside. Indeed it was a decided success and added new life to the demonstration. We are willing to confess frankly that Faith church has really put one over on the rest of us, even though she has been handicapped to some extent in the advance program of religious activities for our Church. We thank Rev. Toney and his corps of teachers for the splendid and helpful demonstration.

The popular program on Friday evening was a splendid success, conducted by Vice-President W. M. Malloy.

The Catechism contest was another feature that was looked upon with much anxiety. The winner was Miss Sarah Wilson, of Faith school, Aberdeen, who was awarded the Contest Banner for 12 months.

The reports from the Synodical Sunday School Convention and School of Methods was made by the delegates, Miss Vida Alston and Mrs. Gertrude Clark. It was very encouraging to the Convention to be informed of the real work of the School of Methods.

Following this report Miss Martha Kelly, of St. John's school, and Miss Alice Kelly of John Hall school, were elected delegates for this year.

The literary concert on Saturday evening was largely attended and the special program was unusually good and a neat sum of money was realized.

Sunday was the choicest day of all the seven, and some of the choicest selections had been tabled for the Sunday activities. First, was the model Sunday school at 9:45, conducted by Sabbath School Missionary G. R. Marsh, acting Superintendent. The school was arranged with divisional superintendents and a prize was offered for the two best reports on both membership and finance. Class 1 of

the Adult Division, taught by Miss Emma C. Barnett, won 1st prize. Class 2, Adult Division, taught by Mrs. B. G. McMillan, won 2nd prize. The collection was \$46.29 for the Sunday school.

At 11 o'clock the annual sermon was delivered by the beloved divine, the Rev. J. E. McMillan, of Sanford. His specially prepared message for the occasion was a real God-sent message to us. We enjoyed the message to the extent that we are not able to find words that will express our joy obtained therefrom.

A collection of \$33.00 was raised by Elder Wm. H. Byrd, of Aberdeen, and Dr. N. E. Jackson, of Laurinburg.

At the close of the sermon a beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. B. G. McMillan, of Sanford.

The 3 P. M. sermon brought us to the close of the most successful Sunday School Convention we have had for five or six years, for which we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and sustaining grace during the sitting of the Convention, which was directed by the Corresponding Secretary who is also the Sabbath School Missionary on the field of the Yadkin Presbytery.

G. R. MARSH,
Cor. Sec.
Southern Pines, N. C.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, CONCORD.

By Mrs. Mary J. Green.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"—Psalm 27:1.

On Sunday morning, September 20th, Dr. H. C. Miller, representing the Board of Ministerial Relief, preached for us. During the discourse he gave some very interesting facts concerning the Ministerial Relief Fund and made an earnest plea for subscriptions. Quite a number of the members and friends responded to this worthy cause.

On Sunday evening, September 20th, our pastor, Rev. H. Wilson, preached a soul-stirring sermon from Jas. 4:8, "Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you." In a very pleasing manner he took great pains in making the gospel truth so plain and practical that the children could understand. One little boy, a member of the church, said to his mother on returning home that night, "Mamma, didn't Rev. Wilson preach a good sermon?" I wish everybody could have heard it.

The Sabbath school is still moving on under the efficient management of our Superintendent, Mr. S. C. Boger.

Our Y. P. S. C. E., under the leadership of Mrs. Mary H. Green, is still in progress. In spite of the heat the boys and girls have attended well during the summer. Their service has been noted and it is highly appreciated by all. Too much praise cannot be given them for their faithfulness.

Mr. Briscoe Ewing, who is now making his home in Washington, D. C., is in the city spending some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. F. D. Nance, one of the theological students of Johnson C. Smith University, was a very welcome visitor in our city last week.

The Church Council and group leaders had a joint meeting in the annex building Monday night, September 21st. This meeting was quite profitable. In it plans were made for the future work of the church. The guidebook for the group leaders was discussed in general. In this discussion, the necessity of thoroughly organizing, of keeping up interest and emphasizing the social and devotional features were brought out by our pastor, Rev. H. Wilson.

Vacation is now over and all (Continued on page 3)

THE NEGRO EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS' ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

In order that our fellow citizens of the other races may know what progress the American Negro has made since Lincoln issued his Proclamation of Emancipation on the first of January, 1863, and since the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States became effective on the 18th of December, 1865, the Negro National Educational Congress takes pleasure in giving to the public the following figures which were recently prepared by Tuskegee Institute which was established by Booker T. Washington:

Negro Economic Progress:		
	1866	1925
Farms owned	1200	600,000
Gain 598,800.		
Farms operated	20,000	1,000,000
Gain 980,000		
Business conducted	2,100	50,000
Gain 47,900.		
Wealth	\$20,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Gain \$1,080,000,000.		
Educational Progress		
Literacy	10 Pct.	80 Pct.
70 per cent gain.		
Colleges and Normal Schools	15	500
Gain 485.		
Students in public schools	100,000	1,800,000
Gain 1,700,000.		
Teachers in all schools	600	38,000
Gain 37,400.		
Property for higher education value	\$60,000	\$22,000,000
Annual expenditure for education	\$1,000,000	\$15,000,000
Gain \$14,000,000.		
Number of Churches	700	42,300
Gain 41,600		
Religious Progress		
Number of communicants	600,000	4,800,000
Gain 4,200,000		
Number in Sunday Schools	1,000	2,250,000
Gain 2,249,000.		
Value of Church Property	\$1,500,000	\$89,900,000
Gain \$84,400,000.		

In addition to the figures, the Congress, hereby, expresses its gratitude to all agencies in our country which have been helpful to the Negro in his efforts to prove himself an asset rather than a liability, and respectfully submits for the thoughtful consideration of all Americans, white and black alike, that in order to promote peace rather than strife, harmony rather than confusion, justice rather than injustice, it is necessary that we learn more and more as we come in contact from day to day the importance of speaking an encouraging word, of lending a helping hand, of giving one another a square deal, of taking a manly stand in favor of equality of rights as citizens—the right to "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"—the right to travel in

CANADIAN SYNODICAL CONVENTION.

By Prof. C. N. Shropshire

The Synodical Convention and School of Methods of Canadian Synod met in Cotton Plant Academy, Cotton Plant, Ark., August 31-September 6th, 1925.

For many years the Canadian Synod has been coming more and more into prominence through the Synodical Convention and School of Methods. The year just closed was for many reasons the greatest and best of all previous years. This year the delegates came with a better understanding of the School of Methods and with a desire to learn. All of the delegates stayed until the close—a thing they had never done before.

Some delegates that could not come sooner came Saturday, the last day.

There were delegates that came more than 700 miles. The writer spoke to one of the delegates saying: "You must have made a great sacrifice to attend this meeting." Her reply was: "It was no sacrifice at all, but a great privilege."

One of our ministers who

peace and comfort from one end of our land to the other; the right to participate in every part of our land in conducting the government under which we live, the right to give to our children the same kind of education which is given to others in order that they may be fitted to discharge successfully all their duties as American citizens.

To our fellow Americans who are not yet willing to stand upon a platform of this character, whether they live in one section of our country or another, we respectfully recommend that

they make a prayerful study of the rule announced by the Master when he said: " whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them."

Signed:—Prof. I. E. Page, Oklahoma, Chairman; Prof. Robt. W. Boulware, South Carolina, Secretary; Rev. Geo. W. Slater, Jr., Iowa; Rev. N. A. Cooper, Mississippi; Rev. W. B. Williams, Idaho; Attorney A. G. Clarke, Iowa; Mrs. R. A. Bairpaugh, Montana; Mrs. Mamie Edmundson, Illinois; E. F. Hayden, Missouri; Mrs. M. R. Phillips, Kentucky; Atty. L. A. Knox, Missouri; Rev. W. T. Green, New Mexico; B. McKinney Ward, Michigan; Frags McWilliams, Nebraska; Atty. I. J. Bradley, Kansas; C. L. Timberlake, Ky.; and I. M. A. Myers, S. C.

came from Oklahoma City, Okla., a little more than 600 miles, bringing his entire family, said to me: "This School of Methods has cost me more than \$60.00 but I mean to attend next year wherever it meets if it cost me \$100.00." Expressions like these were heard from the delegates all around the campus as they stood in groups and talked.

Trained Sunday school and church workers are being raised up all over our field. It has been the writer's privilege as Sabbath School Missionary to visit on his field churches and Sunday schools that sent delegates and hear the boys and girls say: "It was at the School of Methods that I was inspired to do this." "It was at the School of Methods that I got a new vision."

Another feature of this School of Methods was that the entire faculty except two who had acceptable excuses and all who were programmed were present and did their part well.

Platform addresses, both morning and evening, were fine. Each speaker came with his paper carefully prepared. To my mind and judging from expressions heard from the delegates and visitors, there was no part of the services more inspiring than the devotional services in the dining room conducted by Dr. A. B. McCoy and the vesper services conducted by Rev. H. C. Cousins.

We desire to thank Dr. A. B. McCoy and the Board for the splendid and most efficient helpers sent to us from the East.

Miss Theodora Percival, who had charge of the Children's Division of Methods and the D. V. B. S., rendered excellent service. Rev. J. B. Barber was certainly on his job in "Teacher Training" and "Young People's Methods." We are always glad to have Rev. Barber with us.

Dr. Geo. W. Long, of Cheraw, S. C., came in Dr. Baker's place. His talks on "The Meaning and Requirements of Christian Stewardship" and "Stewardship Methods" were full of information and instruction. We were delighted over his happy and humorous manner in presenting his subject. We would say to Dr. Long: "Come again." I think he made some tithers while here.

Of course it is needless to say that Dr. McCoy was here with the goods. His name was ringing all over the city even before he arrived. His presence gave added inspiration and from the services rendered he must have saved the best for the last.

The afternoon games were fine and were played in the best of spirit. Of course the "Whites" won.

Sunday was a high day. At 10 A. M., a model Sunday School was conducted by Dr. E. C. Hames, our dean, and Prof. C. N. Shropshire. This was carried out in very fine style. It was truly a model Sunday School for the delegates and visitors.

At 11 o'clock the choir with Miss Theopa Stinson at the piano and Prof. C. N. Shropshire with his saxophone were in their places and ready to furnish the music for the morning services. Rev. W. E. Houston was the speaker for the hour. He gave a most excellent sermon. Dr. A. B. McCoy had charge of the services Sunday night. Dr. McCoy always had a crowded house. He preached a most wonderful sermon. At the close of his sermon Dr. E. C. Hames came forward and gave out the certificates to the delegates. Dr. McCoy took charge again and gave Communion to the waiting congregation. Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Stinson spared no pains nor money nor time to make our entertainment and stay while there very pleasant. Everything about the campus was in fine shape. He has just remodeled his dining room, making it much larger. This is much needed for his school.

Permit me to say in closing, the School of Methods and Synodical Convention has done much in sending back to our various churches and Sunday schools men and women better qualified to render splendid service in the churches and communities.

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN.

"These that have turned the world upside down." Acts 17:6.

An old preacher divided this text thus:

1. God made this world right.
2. Sin turned it upside down.
3. The world must be turned right side up again.
4. The Gospel has enough power for it.
5. We are the chaps to do it.

This reminds us of the late Dwight L. Moody's declaration: "Give me ten fully consecrated, praying men, and I will turn the world upside down."—Rev. Edmund Kerlin, D. D.